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## CENTRAL COLLEGE FINISHES A YEAR SHOWING MANY MARKED ADVANCES

Under President George Miles Gibson the Institution  
Has Attained the Highest Point in Its Long  
and Honorable History.

### EXERCISES LASTED FROM SATURDAY TO MONDAY

Dr. W. B. Palmore of St. Louis Was the Presiding Genius of Nearly  
All the Gatherings—Miss Eska Nash Won the Scholarship  
Medal—Few Faculty Changes for Next Year.

Central College for Women has just completed what is considered the most universally satisfactory year in its history. Under the able management of President George Miles Gibson it has advanced in its work and increased in attendance. One of the most noteworthy features of the past school year has been the good feeling among faculty members and between faculty and students. The young ladies were put largely on their honor and given far more freedom than ever before. This proved remarkably satisfactory for both teachers and pupils. The former on account of the lessening of their disciplinary duties were able to give more attention to instructing and the latter showed themselves worthy of the confidence placed in them. During the year there were few breaches of discipline and great harmony prevailed at the college.

The raising of the course of study of the institution has increased the attendance rather than diminished it, as some had feared, and it has made the student body on the whole more mature.

Next year, it is announced, the course will be raised still higher so that Central College for Women will rank scholastically with the best universities and colleges of the country. As Dr. Palmore stated at the final exercises, it is the ambition of the Southern Methodists to make Central College for Women stand in the same relation to the young ladies of the South that Vanderbilt university bears to the young men.

The calendar of commencement exercises this year began on last Saturday and continued until Tuesday noon. The exercises were more extensive than usual and thoroughly in keeping with the advancement of the institution. A large number of guests from out of town, including former students and friends and relatives of the members of the graduating class and Methodist ministers, was in attendance.

#### CLASS DAY.

Saturday was class day and the seniors held their exercises on the campus. They planted the ivy and made a bonfire of their books with due ceremony. Miss Mary Ginn read an interesting history of the class; Miss Blanche Blackburn amused the audience with the prophecy; Miss Dingle Rucker read a delightful class poem. The last will and testament of the seniors was presented in proper form by Miss Marie Youngs and Miss Ivy Shelton made the response for the juniors.

#### EXPRESSION RECITAL.

Saturday evening the annual recital by the pupils of the school of expression took place in Murrell auditorium. A good

crowd had gathered when a storm came up, and, as the recent storms have played havoc with the big west windows, the audience adjourned temporarily to the parlors. At 8:45 after the storm had subsided the assembly again gathered in the auditorium and listened to a most attractive program. Mrs. Alexander, who is in charge of the expression department, has produced excellent results the past year, in spite of the fact that it was her first in the college. The program Saturday reflected much credit on her ability as a teacher.

#### It follows:

Humoresque W. Von Wilm  
Miss Clay Belle Leeper  
Bertha's Debut Ella Beattie  
Miss Josephine Shelton  
"Women's Rights"  
Marjory Cooke  
Miss Edna Eichelberger  
How the Church was Built at  
Kehoe's Bar Bennett  
Miss Cleo Carpenter  
Higher Culture Dorothy Dix  
Miss Anna McZentmeyer  
A Soldier of the Empire  
Thomas Nelson Page  
Miss Nutie Wall  
Marguerite's Husband  
Julius Wilbur Tomkins  
Miss Clara Hughes  
The Going of the White Swan  
Gilbert Parker  
(From Pierre and His People)  
Miss Mattie Crosby  
Duologue  
"In Two Minds" Heathlate  
Characters  
Lady Margaret Miniver  
Miss Nettie Marvin  
Josephine (her maid)  
Miss Belle Graves

#### BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

The baccalaureate services were held in Murrell auditorium Sunday morning. The music was handled by the college chorus under the direction of Miss Catron and was pronounced by all the best work of its kind that has been done in the auditorium. The following was the program:

Processional  
Largo Handel  
Trust in the Lord\* Handel-Jager  
Prayer—Response  
Hymn  
First Scripture Reading  
Chorus, List! the Cherubic Host  
(Holy City) Gaul  
Second Scripture Reading  
Hymn  
Contralto Solo, Like as the Heart  
Desireth Allitsen  
(Cello Obligato, Mr. Little)  
Miss Ross.

Sermon.  
The Rev. S. H. Wainwright, D. D.  
Chorus, Ave Maria Marchetti  
Benediction, Response.

Dr. Wainwright was for many years a missionary in Japan; but is now in St. Louis. He took the entire nineteenth Psalm as his text and preached from it a masterly sermon.

In the evening there was the

sermon to the college missionary society and the Young Women's Christian association. The program was:  
Chorus, O Shepherd of Israel  
Morrison

Hymn  
Prayer—Response  
Scripture Reading  
Hymn  
Soprano Solo, O Divine Redeemer  
Gounod  
(Violin Obligato, Miss Pilcher)  
Miss Pugh.

Sermon  
The Rev. Fielding Marvin, D. D.  
Benediction—Response.

Dr. Marvin is pastor of the Methodist church at Carrollton. He preached an eloquent sermon on "Love."

#### INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT.

Monday morning at 10:30 President G. M. Gibson was formally installed. This was not done last year since Mr. Gibson was not elected until late in the summer.

Following was the program:

Waltz Durand  
Violins: Misses Pilcher, Clark, Sellers, Thorpe, Carpenter and Wall.  
Piano: Misses Ross, Wilson, Clark and Johnston.

Prayer  
Christian Education

The Rev. J. C. Morris, D. D.  
A message from Central College to Central College for Women  
President W. A. Webb.

Trio, Barcarolle Campana  
Misses Musser, Cooper and Beattie.

On Behalf of the Alumnae  
Miss Lucy Austin Ball.

Address  
President G. M. Gibson.

Charge to President Gibson by the President of the Board of Curators

Dr. W. B. Palmore.

Chorus, Spinning Song (The Flying Dutchman) Wagner

All the addresses were masterly and well delivered. Dr. Palmore presided over the occasion and with his ready wit kept things lively. His charge to the president was particularly impressive.

#### ART EXHIBIT.

Monday afternoon the art studios were thrown open to the public for the annual art exhibit. The display was by far the most complete and generally excellent that has ever been seen at the college. The work in illustration from life was particularly good and the pottery moulded from original designs was exquisite. One of the best features was the assortment of embossed leather. The stencil work, too, attracted special comment. The work in china, brass, crayon, water color and oil was as usual of a high grade. As a whole the work was creative rather than imitative and bore eloquent testimony to the proficiency of the teacher, Miss Lambert, and her assistant, Miss Cooper. The following young ladies had work on display: Misses Corinne Baldwin, Lucile Herring, Josephine Shelton, Mary Ross, Helen Johnston, Lottie Milam, Ermie Lee Norfleet, Ruby Lindsay, Emma Flournoy, Zelma Atterbury, Nadine Young, Anna Belle Nowlin, Elva Clark, Byrd Cooper, Ethel Ball, Nell Dea, Nadine Steele, Dixie Daniel, Jessie Gove. Punch was served.

#### MEETING OF ALUMNAE.

The alumnae association met Monday afternoon for the purpose of receiving into membership the class of 1909. Mrs. Leroy Farmer, the president of the alumnae, made the address of welcome to the incoming class and on behalf of the class Miss Norma Comer responded. After

a short business session the meeting adjourned.

#### GRAND CONCERT.

Monday evening the auditorium was crowded on the occasion of the grand concert. Central College for Women is noted throughout the west for its music department and its musical entertainments are invariably well attended and appreciated by the citizens of Lexington.

The program Monday evening was opened with the well known Schubert Marche Militaire played by Misses Pilcher, Sellers, Clark, Thorpe, Carpenter and Wall on violin and Misses Hughes, Brand, Gibson and Ball on piano. The arrangement was beautiful and well handled.

Miss Fannie Smith followed with Schutt's "A la Bien Aimee," which she played with accuracy and ease.

Miss Minnie Rothrock then played Leschetizky's paraphrase of a Mendelssohn Scherzo. Although one of the younger piano pupils, Miss Rothrock has attained remarkable proficiency and her rendition of this piece was surprisingly well done. She was recalled, but merely bowed.

The fourth number was the Aria "Titania" from Thomas Mignon, sung by Miss Norma Comer. Miss Comer is quite a favorite in Lexington and always sings well. She responded to an encore.

Miss Marian Clark played Godard's En Courant in a most delightful manner and was warmly applauded.

The next number consisted of two songs by Miss Sallie Campbell. Miss Campbell has a pure, clear and high soprano, which she can use to great advantage. She sang "The Nightingale" by Stephens and "Carrissima" by Penn, with wonderful effect. She was recalled twice.

Miss Mary Ross then played four piano pieces—Cazotte's, Toscano, all' Antica and Arabesque, by Leschetizky, and Schutt's Tristesse de Colombine and Caprice-Sgararelle. Miss Ross is one of the best musicians at Central and figured prominently in the vocal as well as instrumental music during commencement. She plays exceedingly well. She and Miss Comer contributed the next number—"The Gypsies" by Brahms. It was deservedly enjoyed.

Miss Marie Youngs played Weber's Perpetual Movement with fluency and accuracy. She has played frequently at recitals during her course and has always won approbation. Her performance Monday evening was a fitting close to her career at Central and won many compliments.

Annette sang Mendelssohn's Spring Song with beautiful effect and Misses Rothrock and Ross closed the excellent program with a fine rendition of Tchaikowsky's Valse from the Thru Rose.

At this concert, as at all other commencement exercises, Miss Margaret Auld did the accompanying, and by her work enhanced her reputation as a musician. She has wonderful capacity and her accompaniments are artistic in every sense.

#### GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Tuesday morning at 10:30 the final graduating exercises took place in the auditorium before a large and representative audience. After the invocation by Rev. O. M. Rickman the college chorus sang the Bridal Chorus from "The Rose Maiden." This was beautiful and was probably the prettiest of the many pretty pieces which the chorus sang during the series of entertainments. Miss Catron demonstrated her worth as a teacher in chorus work as well as individual instruction. She develops thorough musicians as well as soloists.

After the chorus Miss Alma Hickerson, the representative of the senior class, read her thesis—"Rudyard Kipling—A Voice from the

East." It was a masterful presentation of a definite theme and was really interesting. Miss Minnie Rothrock then played a march by Hollander.

The literary address was delivered by the Rev. C. M. Aker, A. M., of Mexico, Mo. Mr. Aker spoke on "The Useful Life," and pleased the audience immensely. His talk was straightforward, direct, unembellished, seasoned with good humor, forceful and short. He was warmly applauded.

President Gibson with an appropriate speech conferred the degrees and presented the diplomas. Dr. Palmore awarded the medals and as usual kept the audience on the quiver. Commencement at Central would be incomplete without the presence of Dr. Palmore and his remarks are always looked forward to.

The following young ladies received the A. B. degree: Misses Nellie Gertrude Chevroux, Anna Belle Graves, Dingle Rucker, Nettie M. Marvin, Mary La Belle Ginn, Alma Hickerson, Mary Gentry and Blanche Blackburn.

The B. L. degree was conferred upon Misses Marie C. Youngs, Gretta Dunn and Ernestine Norma Comer.

In the special departments Misses Nettie Marie Marvin, Clara George Hughes and Anna Belle Graves received diplomas in expression; Misses Erna Lucile McClure, Florence Belle Beattie, Marie Cordelia Youngs and Fannie Radcliffe Smith in piano; and Miss Blanche Blackburn in voice.

Miss Alma Hickerson received the housekeeper's medal, presented by the president's wife, and was third contestant for the scholarship medal. Miss Eska Nash won the scholarship medal, with Miss Belle Graves second contestant.

It was announced that Henry Sinauer had offered a prize for the student doing the best work in graduate Latin next year and Miss Lulu Daugherty '07 a medal to the one contributing the best essay to the college magazine.

President Gibson announced the changes in the faculty for next year. The literary department, which has acquitted itself admirably, will remain unchanged, except for the addition of Miss Ada Belle Stapleton, an alumna, as teacher of English.

In the piano department Miss Cassie Larmer, who has been in charge the past year, has resigned. Her work has been of the highest order and she has attained some remarkable results from her pupils. Mr. King, too, has resigned. Prof. D. F. Conrad, as has formerly been announced, will again become head of the music department and Miss Addie Wynne, who is a graduate and former teacher of Central, will return as Mr. Conrad's assistant. She has during the past year been associated with him at Ward Seminary at Nashville.

Miss Pugh, the assistant in the vocal department has been granted a leave of absence until next January, so that she can study in Europe. Her place will be filled by Miss Norma Comer, who has been teaching some the past year and is thoroughly capable.

The benediction was pronounced and the forty first year of Central College for Women was concluded.

F. M. Hord went to Kansas City Wednesday on business.

Mrs. D. M. Frazier left Wednesday for a trip to Higginsville and Cordier.

Capt. and Mrs. E. A. Day returned from Kansas City Tuesday evening.

James R. and Wingate Moorehead left Wednesday for a trip to Fulton.

William Stonestreet went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.

Horace Hoefer went to Higginsville Tuesday to visit relatives for a few days.

Milton Royle came down from Kansas City Wednesday evening for a short stay.

Mrs. Louisa Nagel went to Kansas City Thursday to visit relatives for a few days.

Mrs. Frank Hoefer went to Higginsville Thursday to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. Bert Taubman and Miss Elliott Todhunter returned from Kansas City Wednesday evening.

Prof. H. T. Phillips went to Columbia Tuesday evening to attend the summer school.

E. M. Taubman left Tuesday evening for Fulton to attend a meeting of the Board of Managers of the School for the Deaf.

## HIGGINSVILLE 3 TIMES

Another Destructive Fire, the Third in Two Weeks—Much Excitement.

For the third time in two weeks, Higginsville was visited with a destructive fire Tuesday in the early part of the evening. This, like the others, was unquestionably the work of incendiaries. The fire was discovered about 9:30 o'clock and destroyed completely the livery barn of John Wilson and the big implement house of E. W. Mollenkamp. Seven horses were burned to death in the former place and Mr. Mollenkamp's large establishment is a total wreck. During the course of the blaze, Ben Leffman, a volunteer fireman, fell from the roof of the livery barn and broke his arm, besides other injuries. The loss is estimated at \$35,000. Mr. Wilson carried no insurance and Mr. Mollenkamp's loss is far from covered.

#### Recital of Miss Loomis' Pupils.

The annual recital of the pupils of Miss Carrie Loomis was given in her studio yesterday evening. A large and appreciative audience was present in spite of the bad weather, and every performer received generous applause. The program showed the ability of Miss Loomis as a teacher and was a success in every way.

#### Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to:

August Landwehr.....Bland, Mo.  
Fried Brinckmann.....Waverly.  
Theodore Pickett.....Kansas City  
Flora A. Niederjohn.....Waverly

#### MAYVIEW NOTES.

Mr. Jourdan and wife of Gilliam came up last Sunday to spend the day with the family of T. R. Brock.

E. B. Powell was here last Friday selling his wool crop.

Prof. A. A. Ross of Warrensburg was elected at the last meeting of the school board as principal of our school. He comes well recommended.

Judge Butt is not much on the "Isaac Walton" order, but when it comes to strawberries listen to him as he tells the size of his berries. When he told us we thought the size pretty large. Upon investigating we find he is the strawberry king of our town. He surely has fine large ones.

John Moore and wife of Mena, Arkansas, are here on a visit with his mother and other friends.

Claude Marquis of Lexington passed through our town last Thursday. He is out arranging the territory to be covered by his assistants in making out the next assessment of property.

S. R. Schmutz and Herman Hoeffer had on the Kansas City market last Thursday a car load of lambs.

James Ramey and wife went to Chicago for a few days last Friday.

Otto Nolte and Scooner Riley took a lay off last week and went to Grand Pass fishing. As they are both reliable gentlemen we will leave it for them to tell just how many and the size they caught.

Miss Abbie Puckett spent a part of this week in Higginsville visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Nettie Heidbrink and Mrs. Charles Pomeroy spent last Wednesday in Odessa.

Mrs. Eva Norfleet and son came down from Kansas City this week to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Williamson.

S. M. Greene is buying the bulk of the crop of wool in this part of the county paying good prices for same. He bought 5,000 pounds in one day.

T. M. Chinn, wife and daughter, Miss Naomi, attended the decoration services in Higginsville on memorial day.

Mrs. J. R. Moorehead, Mrs. J. C. Krist, of Chicago, and Miss Bettie Mountjoy went to Kansas City this morning for a visit with Mrs. G. H. Stier.

Mrs. Robert Wilson left Tuesday evening for Fairbault, Minn., to attend the graduation of her son, Robert, Jr., from Shattuck Military school.

Mrs. George B. Dealy, who has been spending several weeks in this city with her sisters, Mrs. Oscar Andreen and Mrs. J. R. Wilmet, left Tuesday evening for her home in Dallas, Texas.